

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of all the claims now in the application (*i.e.*, claims 1, 7-13, 26 and 27) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 26-27 were allowed and that claim 28 which dependent from claim 1, would allowable if written in independent form.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention because the claim could be interpreted as claiming each peg had a different angle. This was not the intent of the Applicants and claim 1 has been amended to clarify that each peg axis extends in a separate place with the axis all being in parallel. Thus, the pegs have the same angle with respect to the surface of the base plate as well as with respect to the sagittal plane.

Applicants have combined claims 1 and 28 and cancelled claim 28. Claims 2-13 depend from amended claim 1 and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 14 and 16-25 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with

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this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge
Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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